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MINISTRY OF PRODUCTION RESOLUTION

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No. Fy.I-17(1)/54.—In view of the importance of nitrogenous fertilizers for augmenting food production, the Government of India have been considering the need for expanding the indigenous capacity for the production of these fertilizers. The current capacity is inadequate to meet the internal demand and it is expected that this demand will rise steadily during the coming years. The Government have come to the conclusion that the creation of further capacity in the country is essential if large scale imports are to be avoided. It has been estimated that fresh capacity for producing 2·5 lakhs of tons per annum (in terms of nitrogen) will need to be set up by the year 1961 and it is proposed that as a first step immediate action should be taken for planning and creating additional capacity for 1·7 lakh tons of nitrogen per annum. It is estimated that there will be enough demand to absorb this additional supply. The Government of India have accordingly decided to constitute a Committee to consider and make recommendations on the various questions involved in the creation of fresh capacity.

2. The Committee will consist of the following:—
 - (1) Shri B. C. Mukharji, I.C.S.—Chairman
 - (2) Dr. A. Nagaraja Rao, Chief Industrial Adviser to Government
 - (3) Dr. M. D. Parekh, Chairman of the Development Council for Fertilizers and Heavy Chemicals.
 - (4) Shri K. C. Sharma, Sindri Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd.
 - (5) Shri P. M. Nayak, I.C.S., Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Production.—Secretary.

}—Members
3. The following will constitute the terms of reference to the Committee:—
 - (1) To suggest possible locations for the new fertilizer factories for the production of ammonium sulphate, ammonium sulphate-nitrate and urea having regard to all relevant considerations including adequacy of transport and the proximity of consumer points;
 - (2) To indicate the quantities of one or more of these fertilisers that could be produced at each location on an economic basis, the processes to be adopted and the probable cost of production;
 - (3) To estimate roughly the capital and working cost of the plants recommended at the different locations;
 - (4) To make recommendations regarding the requirements and the provision of technical personnel for staffing the new plants; and
 - (5) To suggest the best method of further processing the Committee's recommendations.
4. The Committee will be designated "The Fertilizer Production Committee" and will have its headquarters at New Delhi. It will assemble as early as possible and will submit its report to Government within a period of 3 months.

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